Washington State Department of Transportation

Project Timeline
PHASE 1: McNary Pool to Attalia

Initial Planning
Get a general idea of what needs to be done and about how much it will cost

- January 1995 the corridor appeared in the State Highway Systems Plan
- August 2000 the Preliminary Route/Design Analysis - Snake River to Wallula Jct.

Securing Funding
Generate support and obtain project funding

- March 1999 funding was secured for Environmental Assessment (EA), right of way plans, design, and contract plans preparation
- May 2002 funding for the construction was secured

Project Design
Thoroughly evaluate the problem and engineer a detailed solution

- June 2000 design on the project began

Environmental Compliance
Ensure that all environmental statutes and regulations are followed

- January 2001 the Environmental Assessment (EA) was approved
- January 2002 environmental permits were acquired
- April 2003 to Fall 2004 monitoring of construction project

Public Hearings and Open Houses
Opportunities for WSDOT designers to present their ideas, answer questions, and listen to public input

- Spring 1999 Preliminary Route/Design Analysis - Snake River to Wallula Jct. Public Meeting
- January 2001 Environmental Assessment (EA) Meeting
- March 2001 Access Hearing
- August 2003 Benton/Franklin County Fair Booth
- September 2003 Walla Walla County Fair Booth
- March 2004 Burbank Open House
- March 2004 Walla Walla Open House

Right of Way Acquisition
Determine project area needs and purchase property for new roadways

- August 2000 gather ownership data
- October 2002 right of way acquisition was complete

Contract Preparation
Prepare a detailed set of plans to tell the contractor what to build

- October 2002 contract plans completed
- October 2002 project advertised for bids

Project Construction
Private Contractors bid for and build the project as designed by WSDOT

- November 2002 contract awarded
- April 2003 groundbreaking ceremony
- Scheduled open to traffic Fall 2004

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